PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, for more than a century, the bicycle has been a utilitarian, economical, environmentally sound and effective means of personal transportation, recreation and fitness; and

WHEREAS, the City of Medford encourages the use of bicycles as a means of transportation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Medford recognizes the bicycle as a legitimate roadway vehicle and therefore is entitled to legal and responsible use of all public roadway facilities in Oregon, except highways constructed to interstate standards; and

WHEREAS, the City of Medford encourages the increased use of the bicycle, benefiting all citizens of Medford, by improving air quality, reducing traffic congestion and noise, decreasing the use of and dependence upon finite energy sources, and fostering exercise; and

WHEREAS, the City of Medford recognizing the use of bicycles as a viable mode of transportation, endeavors to promote safe and responsible bicycling and is committed to incorporating the development of bicycle facilities in the vision for revitalizing downtown Medford; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-America Regional Council's Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee and the Mayor encourage all citizens to ride their bicycles to work, to the store, to the park, around their neighborhoods and with friends and family to promote the personal and societal benefits achieved from bicycling.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Randy Sparacino, Mayor of the City of Medford, do proclaim the week of May 16 through May 22, 2022 as

BIKE TO WORK WEEK

and encourage all residents of Medford, Oregon to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 5th day of May, 2022.

Randy Sparacino Mayor of Medford